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SUBJECT: W/W ARRESTS

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PROMPT NOTIFICATION BY HOST
AUTHORITIES WHENEVER AMCIT ARRESTED AND EARLY ACCESS TO
THE ARRESTEE BY A CONSULAR OFFICER ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE
TO MEET OUR BASIC PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. IN CASES CITED MARSEILLE REFTEL, POST NOTIFIED BY DEA
RPT DEA AGENT HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF CASE. ON COUNTRY-WIDE
BASIS, WHAT IS NORMAL LENGTH OF TIME AFTER ARREST THAT
FRENCH AUTHORITIES NOTIFY APPROPRIATE CONSULAR POST THAT AN
AMCIT HAS BEEN ARRESTED? WHY CAN CONOFF NOT RPT NOT OBTAIN
ACCESS TO AN ARRESTEE PRIOR TO INITIATION OF JUDICIAL
PROCEEDINGS?

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT CONOFF, IF HE DOES NOT
RPT NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ARRESTEE PRIOR TO ONSET OF JUDICIAL
PROCESS, IS UNABLE PROPERLY EXPLAIN PROCEEDINGS ARRESTEE
MAY EXPECT TO FACE AND WHAT HIS RIGHTS ARE UNDER THE FRENCH
JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THUS IT APPEARS ESSENTIAL THAT CONOFF
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INTERVIEW ARRESTED CITIZEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HE

IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY POLICE.

4. APPRECIATE POST'S EARLY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. SISCO

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